GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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RISE IN PRICES OF SKIMMED MILK POWDER
Majhi Shri Parsuram

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the skimmed milk powder prices have increased;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether rise in the prices of milk powder has created shortage in the country;

(d) whether the Government has any proposal to impose the ban on the export of milk powder in view of the shortage;and

(e) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI TASLIMUDDIN)

(a) & (b): Yes,Sir.The price of skimmed milk powder (SMP) has increased in the last few years mainly due to increase in the cost of production, procurement and processing of milk.

(c): Government has not received any report on shortage of milk powder in the country.

(d) & (e) Does not arise in view of (c).